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In a Christmas and New Year's message published in the 'Trinidad Guardian' (December 25th, 2005) the

"Once more, as we approach the end of another year and the great event of Christmas, we join with the

Although some time has passed since the publication of this strange statement, the leadership of ASJA

We choose to respond however, by directing attention to the signs of the Last Day as prophesied by Pro

We live today in an age of such profound ignorance and such alarming misguidance that money is now

Certainly Islam requires of Muslims that they show respect for the Christian religion; and Islam also perm

If the leadership of the ASJA wishes to join with Christians in celebrating Christmas, and if we cannot pe

The ASJA statement went on to describe Allah Most High as "father". Such a description of the One true

This writer has repeatedly pointed out to Muslims that the fundamental statement of the Inter-Religious C

He now considers it to be his duty to the members of the ASJA, who are his dear brothers in Islam, to w

- Firstly they should immediately and publicly dissociate themselves for their own good from that statem

- Secondly they should take appropriate steps to ensure that their misguided leaders are made to recognize their error.
- If the members of ASJA do not respond appropriately to the statement made by their own leaders, then:
  - Jesus was born of a virgin mother;
  - he was the true Messiah;
  - he performed many miracles;
  - the Israelites were denounced for their wickedness;
  - they conspired to crucify him;
  - Allah Most High raised him unto Himself;
  - Jesus will one day return to rule the world with justice (from Jerusalem);
  - his return would result in the triumph of truth over falsehood and justice over injustice in the world;
  - his return would bring an end to history;
  - most Muslims as well as Christians believe that his triumphant Messianic return is now imminent, etc.

But we hasten to point out that Islam most certainly does not share with Christianity the belief in a so-called Fatherhood of God.

The Qur'an has described Abraham (peace be upon him), for example, as "your father", but it has never said: *"Say He is Allah, the One and Only; Allah the Eternal, Absolute; He begetteth not, nor is He begotten; and there is none like unto Him"* (Qur'an, al-Ikhlās, 112-1-4)

The words beget and begotten are now hardly ever used and so it is necessary that we explain these terms.

And so, when the Qur'an declares of Allah Most High that He begets not, what it means is that:

- Allah does not father a child,
- Allah has not fathered a child,
- Allah would never father a child, and, hence, that
- Allah is not father,
- Allah was never father, and that
- Allah would never be father.

And when the Qur'an goes on to declare that He, Allah, was not begotten, the implication is that:

- Allah is not born as the child of any father,
- Allah was never born as the child of any father, and that
- Allah would never be born as the child of any father.

The Qur'an has specifically declared that He (Allah Most High) does not father any child, nor was He born. *"No (proper) knowledge have they of Him (when they assert such a thing about Allah Most High), and no* (Qur'an, al-Kahf, 18:5)

No one has the freedom, no matter how well-intentioned, to ascribe to Allah Most High such false names.

We have used only one reference from the Qur'an in order to expose the falsehood of the description of